

*Messiah Lutheran Church
Mechanicsville, Virginia*



*May 31, 2026
Holy Trinity Sunday*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*To share the Good News of Jesus Christ
and to invite all to join us in faith, worship, and service.*

The service will be livestreamed at 10:45 am on Messiah's FB page, and that video will be available later on the church website and YouTube. Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahMech/>

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Hearing Assistance Receivers are available upon request.

** Please stand as you are able **

Welcome visitors! May the Spirit of Christ fill your heart as we worship today. You are invited to make Messiah your church home.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

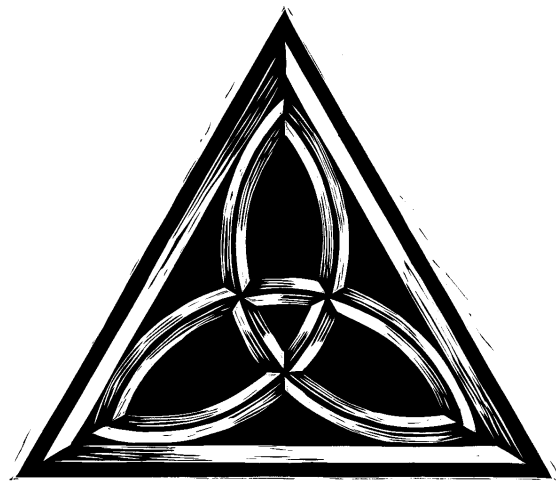
A brief silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.



***GATHERING SONG – Commonwealth Is God’s Commandment**

ACS 1036



1 Com-mon-wealth is God’s com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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***THE GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**



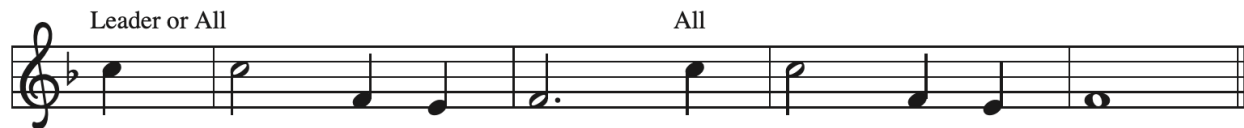
KYRIE



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



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O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.
Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

1 Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Refrain

To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

2 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!

Refrain

3 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

Refrain

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Lector

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

A reading from Genesis.

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,

in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Lector

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains two lines of lyrics. The second system also contains two lines of lyrics, with the second line including the Spanish phrase 'El Señor resucitó' and the English translation 'Christ is risen, risen indeed'.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted.

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Ryan Radtke



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
 when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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***CREED**

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;**

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A: Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship (*especially*). God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises (*especially*). Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of all relationships, bless this branch of the body of Christ that is Messiah Lutheran Church. Strengthen all its relationships and weave your love and grace into each family and household. We especially pray this week for the Combs, Cramer, and Deere families. Make us your people. God of Grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING – You may place an “I give online” card in the plate as a physical offering

***OFFERING SONG – Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

ELW 182

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray:

C: *Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: *Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.*

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION



COMMUNION SONG – *Lamb of God*



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -



so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.



Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
Grant us your peace. A - mén.

***SONG AFTER COMMUNION – Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise**

ELW 204



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ that you have received strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: **Amen**

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

***BLESSING**

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: **Amen**

***SENDING SONG – O God beyond All Praising**

ELW 880



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

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***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – May 31, 2026

- Pianist: Debbie Walker
- Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst.) Will Radtke (2nd Lay Asst.) Nancy Berg
- Lector: Lois Schroeder
- Acolyte: Kate Radtke
- Greeter: Roger Schroeder & Daren Williams
- Ushers: Roger Schroeder & Daren Williams
- Altar Guild: Glady Hubert & Andrea Alness-Tolbert
- Counters: Glady Hubert & Donna Combs
- Live Streamer: Teresa Gigante



Altar Flowers Given by Becky Collie



In loving memory of Johnnie Collie and in celebration of Anna, Stewart, and Will

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH

May 31	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Confirmation Class	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Graduate Recognition Sunday	
	Church Picnic	
June 2	Banner Team	1:00 PM
	AA	5:30 PM
June 3	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
June 4	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
June 7	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
June 9	AA	5:30 PM
	Messiah Church Council Meeting	6:15 PM
June 10	Women's Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
	Women's Bible Study	6:30 PM
June 11	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM

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Announcements

PASTOR RYAN'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Ryan is out of the office this week. We are excited to welcome Pastor Ginny Banister who will lead us in worship. In the event of a pastoral care emergency, please reach out to a Church Council member, who can connect you to Rev. Katherine Dougherty from All Souls. As always, to set up an appointment with Pastor Ryan, please call or email at 507-360-7276 and/or messiahmechpr@gmail.com.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total giving received last week was \$4,520.59. This number includes giving to current (budgeted items), designated giving, electronic giving, and other miscellaneous gifts and income. To see a more detailed accounting of our income and expenses, please refer to the monthly Financial Secretary and Treasurer reports that are sent out with the Church Council minutes.

KAIROS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The legendary summertime week-long faith-sharing event for youth who will be in 9th-12th grades in the fall is ready for participants to sign up! This year's event will run **June 21-26** (Sunday evening through Friday noon) on the campus of Roanoke College as always! For complete information and links to registration, go to <https://vasynod.org/event/kairos/> and contact Pastor Ryan or Dave Delaney with any questions.

MAY IS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH – JOIN US IN PRAYER

Every child deserves to feel safe, loved, and known. Yet for many children in foster care, life has been marked by uncertainty, loss, and transitions they never chose. Behind every placement is a child who still hopes for stability, healing, and a place to belong.

This May, we invite you to join a statewide effort through Virginia's Kids Belong by participating in 31 Days of Prayer for Foster Care. Each day highlights a specific group—children, foster families, biological families, social workers, and others—who are part of this complex and often challenging system.

Whether you choose to pray once, weekly, or daily, your prayers matter. When a community comes together in compassion and faith, it brings hope, strength, and encouragement to those carrying heavy burdens.

Please see the Prayer Calendar for daily prompts and consider how you might take part this month.

INSTALLATION INVITATION

Messiah members are invited to attend the installation of Pastor Lou Florio at Grace & Glory Lutheran Church in Palmyra (683 Thomas Jefferson Parkway), on Sunday, June 28th, 2026. Pastor Paul Toelke, Dean of the Germanna Conference, is presiding.

POWER IN THE SPIRIT IS COMING!

Power in the Spirit is an inspirational event for people of all ages who wish to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible studies, keynote addresses, workshops, and fellowship. It will be held on **July 16-18 at Roanoke College**. This year's theme is The Spirit Enlightens, Equips, and Empowers. We are excited to have **Presiding Bishop Curry, the Rev. Drew Tucker, and the Rev. Susan Briehl** as our speakers this year! Visit <https://vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit/> for more information and registration.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study will meet on June 10th at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR: 4TH ANNUAL YARD SALE

LCOS is hosting its 4th Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, June 6. Come shop for your next treasure (at a bargain price!) from 8 a.m. to noon. Proceeds benefit our fellowship and property funds.

We'd appreciate it if you could share our flyer with your congregation. Also, if anyone is looking to declutter, we are accepting donations on the following dates:

Sunday, May 24 | 11:00-noon
Tuesday, May 26 | 9:00-1:00
Thursday, May 28 | 9:00-1:00
Sunday, May 31 | 11:00-noon

Monday, June 1 | 9:00-1:00
Tuesday, June 2 | 9:00-1:00
Thursday, June 4 | 9:00-1:00
Friday, June 5 | 2:00-6:00

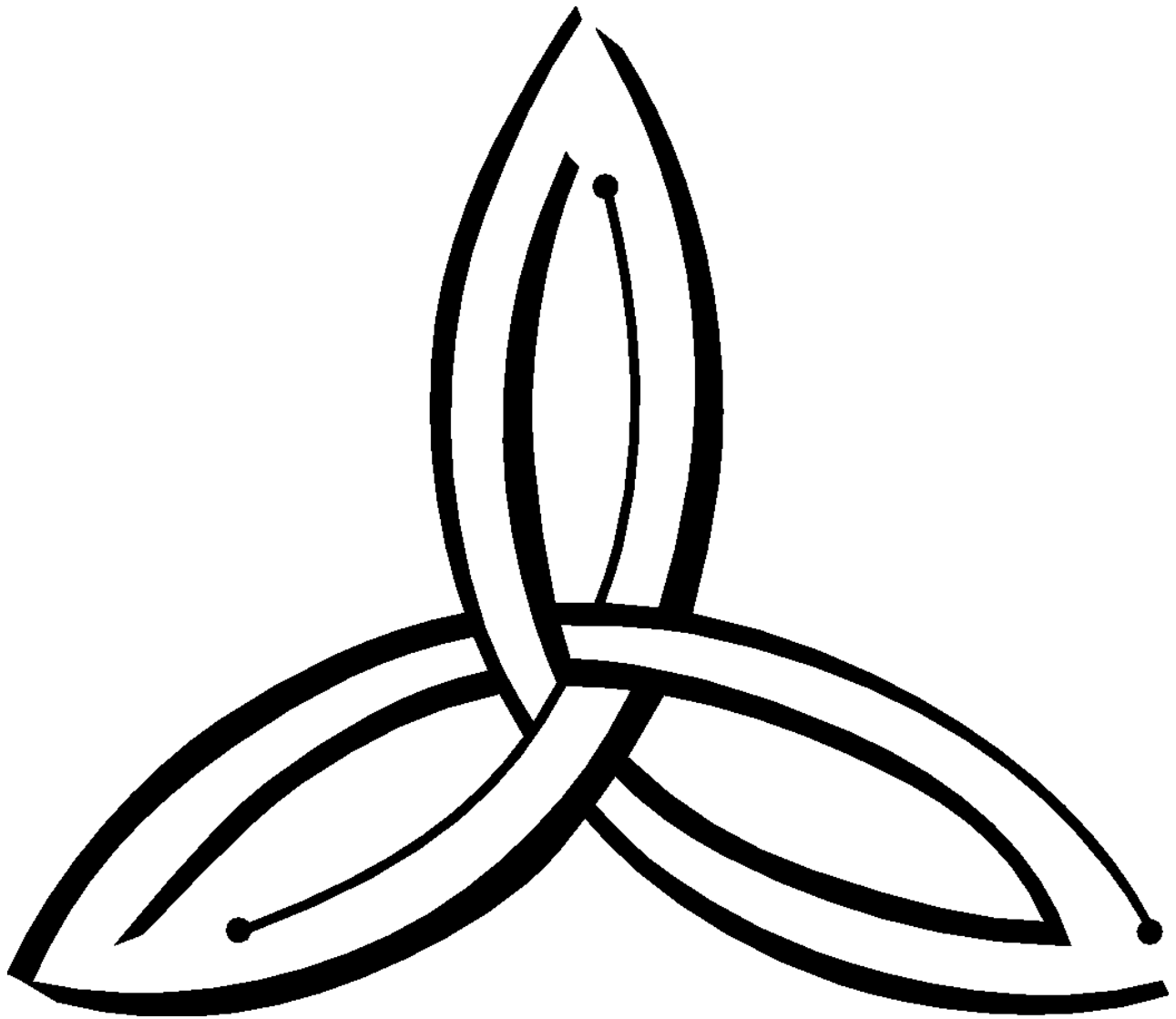
Note: We cannot accept old electronics (computers, TV's, DVD's, VCR's, etc.), car seats, treadmills.

DO YOU LIKE TO TAKE PICTURES?

I'm looking for help in taking pictures during church and church activities, particularly when I'm not there. Picture taking is important for our archives to let future Messiah know what present and past Messiah has been doing. I have been asking people individually when I know I'm not going to be at church and if those people are still willing, I'd love their continued help. But...if you like to take pictures and you haven't been asked, please let me know! You can email me at dmslaw70@gmail.com. I appreciate all of you who have helped and those of you who may help in the future! Many thanks, Donna Shaw

DO YOU FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM?

For the past several years, Donna Shaw has been managing social media for Messiah on Facebook and Instagram. Did you know the Daily Lectionary, Weekly Schedule, Christian Songs, Bible verses, Inspirational quotes, and even some humor are among the weekly posts that are made? If not, you should check out our Fb page <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahMech/>. Or better yet, even like or share something that touches you.





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